

**Percentage of children aged 18 years and younger living below the federal poverty level during  
1997 by extent of dental services received**

Characteristics	No preventive dental services	Basic preventive dental services <sup>a</sup>	Any preventive dental services <sup>b</sup>
	Percent receiving services		
<b>Total percent</b>	74.8 (72.1, 77.4)	24.5 (21.9, 27.2)	25.2 (22.6, 27.9)
<b>Age</b>			
Under 6	85.8 (83.2, 88.5)	14.1 (11.5, 16.7)	14.2 (11.5, 16.8)
6-8	69.1 (62.9, 75.4)	30.3 (24.1, 36.4)	30.9 (24.6, 37.1)
9-11	65.8 (59.2, 72.3)	33.0 (26.4, 39.6)	34.2 (27.7, 40.8)
12-15	67.8 (61.9, 73.7)	31.7 (25.7, 37.7)	32.2 (26.3, 38.1)
16-18	71.6 (65.1, 78.1)	—	28.4 (21.9, 34.9)
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
Non-Hispanic white and other	70.0 (65.1, 74.9)	29.5 (24.6, 34.4)	30.0 (25.1, 34.9)
Non-Hispanic black	78.0 (73.3, 82.7)	21.4 (16.8, 26.0)	22.0 (17.3, 26.7)
Hispanic	78.4 (75.2, 81.7)	20.4 (17.4, 23.6)	21.6 (18.3, 24.8)
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	76.5 (73.2, 79.7)	23.0 (19.7, 26.2)	23.5 (20.3, 26.8)
Female	73.0 (69.7, 76.3)	26.1 (22.8, 29.5)	27.0 (23.7, 30.3)
<b>Insurance status</b>			
Any private <sup>c</sup>	71.9 (65.3, 78.6)	27.7 (21.1, 34.3)	28.1 (21.4, 34.7)
Any public	73.9 (70.8, 77.0)	25.3 (22.2, 28.4)	26.1 (23.0, 29.2)
Uninsured	86.0 (80.8, 91.1)	—	—

— Sample size insufficient to produce reliable national estimate.

<sup>a</sup> Includes general exam or consultation; cleaning, prophylaxis, or polishing; x-rays, radiographs, or bitewings; or fluoride treatment.

<sup>b</sup> Includes general exam or consultation; cleaning, prophylaxis, or polishing; x-rays, radiographs, or bitewings; fluoride treatment; fillings; or orthodontia.

<sup>c</sup> Includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA, which cover military dependents and veterans, respectively.

Data source: 1997 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.